

# President's Report

Laurel Lindstrom

Date: 7/13/05

## Past Meetings/Workshops:

- Workshop – Website, Technology and Fundraising Issues for Nonprofits sponsored by ProBono Partnership and The Greater Bridgeport Area Foundation on 6/9 9 AM to 12 Noon – Laurel attended.
- Coalition of Norwalk Neighborhood Associations (CNNA) met on 6/13 (see attached report)
- Zoning Commission Public Hearing on 6/15 on request for Contractor's Yard at 37 High Street – Laurel spoke for ENNA opposed to the application because it is the wrong kind of use for this Wall Street location that is in the process of revitalization and that it would be inappropriate to have a Contractor's Yard created next to residential property.
- Zoning Commission Public Hearing on 6/15 on Pepperidge Farm property luxury housing application – Laurel spoke for ENNA with concerns related to the need to evaluate the potential for: increased traffic through surrounding neighborhoods; and decreased percentage of affordable housing in Norwalk.
- Plan Review Committee of the Zoning Commission met on 6/23
- Tree Advisory Committee (TAC) met on 6/28. Laurel attended as a member. Maribeth attended as an ENNA Tree Liaison
- ENNA Programs and Projects (P&P) Committee met on 6/29 (see attached report)
- MNPC meeting held on 7/6 (see attached report)
- Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee held on 7/6 – Laurel attended to hear discussion item on speed humps. First Street not to get humps because an error was made in approving – that street is an emergency route. Discussion re need for new map of emergency routes because of the police station being at a new location. Also, need for a more detailed process related to speed hump approval, and a more comprehensive program for traffic calming.
- Anti-Litter Task Force cancelled on 7/8

## Future Meetings/Workshops:

- Tree Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on 7/26 at 6 PM
- 'Programs & Projects' meeting of the ENNA Board – date to be determined
- MNPC meeting on 8/3 at 10 AM
- Next regular ENNA meeting is 8/10 at 7:30 PM in Room 101
- CNNA meeting on 8/15 at 7:30 PM
- P&Z meetings (see calendars and agendas available on City website)

## Communications of Note:

- Email to membership on 7/4 and 7/11 (see email bulletin page on ENNA website)
- Articles in the Hour and the Advocate on 6/17 following the Pepperidge Farm property housing proposal public hearing before the Zoning Commission (see Media page on ENNA website)
- Article in the Norwalk Citizen-News on 6/17 listing ENNA representation of the Main/Westport Avenue Study Advisory Committee (see Media page on ENNA website)
- Article in the Hour on 7/9 on the Planning Committee recommendation for the full Council to adopt the Mid-Harbor Plan. Quote from Walter Briggs (Planning Commission chairman) mentioning that concerns of the ENNA were addressed (see Media page on ENNA website).
- Article in the Hour on 7/11 about the upcoming ENNA July 13 meeting regarding the proposed housing development for 73 Strawberry Hill Avenue (see Media page on ENNA website).
- Community Briefs in local papers published meeting notices for the ENNA 7/13 meeting.
- Laurel received several emails and phone calls from members and others regarding ENNA issues (email correspondence, and reports of phone conversations, have been forwarded to Board members as FYIs)

#### Programs & Projects Meeting Report:

Date of P&P meeting: 6/29

Present: Laurel Lindstrom; Gordon Tully; Erik Nees; Maribeth Becker; Wendye Pardue

Items discussed:

- 1) Newsletter for July draft reviewed – new expanded version.  
Discussed purchasing a printer for printing 11x17 inch paper.
- 2) September Event discussion started
- 3) Adopt-a-Spot at Strawberry Hill and Tierney to be planted using Nick's recommendations.
- 4) Cleanup request received from Howard Avenue for pickup of large items. ENNA may facilitate fall cleanup.
- 5) 37 High Street – Zoning Commission is determining conditions before approving a contractor's yard
- 6) 73 Strawberry Hill Avenue – Laurel to arrange with David Waters, owner's attorney, to attend next ENNA meeting to present plan for housing development

Date of next P&P meeting: to be decided

#### Coalition of Norwalk Neighborhood Associations Report:

Date of last CNNA meeting(s): 6/13

Maribeth Becker and Jill Montesanto presented on the West Avenue recommendations using a design provided by Gordon Tully. It was decided that the PowerPoint presentation would be emailed to the membership for comment and decide the next step – to present to the NRA.

Bob Wagman, Maribeth and Laurel subsequently met with Tim Sheehan and Susan Sweitzer of NRA on 7/7 – for two hours.

Date of next CNNA meeting(s): 8/11

#### Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Committee Report:

Date of last MNPC meeting: 7/6

Laurel attended and presented the following items:

- Norden Park and Strawberry Hill Avenue – received positive feedback from neighbors on new traffic signal
- Cars for sale in parking lot of Wachovia Bank on Cemetery Street still a problem – spoke with manager this morning. He says it's an ongoing problem and they call the police to tow if the car owners don't respond to requests to move cars. Deputy Chief Mark Palmer said that they would assist if property owner called.
- July 13 ENNA meeting – we will host a Parks presentation and a presentation by David Waters on the housing development at 73 Strawberry Hill Ave. Issue of concern for pond in rear brought up and whether public access and the protection of the pond could be maintained.
- Speed humps not to be placed on First Street although approved previously per fire chief? Item not addressed by committee.
- Know Your Town brochures, printed by the Hour, distributed.

Date of next MNPC meeting(s): 8/3 at 10 AM

Respectfully submitted by Laurel Lindstrom

#### Tree Liaison's Report

Maribeth Becker (north of the I-95) and Nick Overall (south of the I-95) are the ENNA Tree Liaisons.

Activity Summary: continuing work on Adopt-A-Spots and attendance at Tree Advisory Committee meeting.